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TO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM NIACT IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO MACHEL

LONDON FOR ASST SECY DAVIS

REFS: LOURENCO MARQUES 636, DAR 2108

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SECRETARY'S LETTER TO MACHEL.

DO NOT REPEAT NOT USE UNTIL AUTHORIZED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE  
FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS.

2. TEXT: QTE DEAR PRESIDENT MACHEL: IT GIVES ME  
PLEASURE TO CONGRATULATE YOU UPON YOUR RETURN TO MOZAM-  
BIQUE, WHICH WILL SOON BECOME A NEW MEMBER OF THE FAMILY  
OF NATIONS. IT IS PARTICULARLY OPPORTUNE TO WELCOME THE  
INDEPENDENCE OF YOUR NEW COUNTRY AS WE IN THE UNITED  
STATES APPROACH THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR OWN INDE-  
PENDENCE. AS PRESIDENT FORD SAID IN HIS TOAST TO PRESIDENT  
KAUNDA DURING A WHITE HOUSE DINNER ON APRIL 19, "WE  
VIEW THE COMING INDEPENDENCE OF MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA AND  
THE ISLAND TERRITORIES WITH GREAT SATISFACTION. THE UNITED  
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STATES STANDS READY TO HELP THE EMERGING COUNTRIES, AND TO  
PROVIDE WHAT ASSISTANCE WE CAN."

I AM ALSO PLEASED TO INFORM YOU, ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT

FORD, THAT THE UNITED STATES PLANS TO RECOGNIZE THE NEW  
GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE UPON INDEPENDENCE ON JUNE 25,  
AND TO ENTER INTO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH IT.

IT HAS BEEN OUR CUSTOM, IN WELCOMING OTHER COUNTRIES TO  
INDEPENDENCE, TO CLOSE OUR CONSULAR POSTS IN THEIR  
COUNTRIES AND TO ESTABLISH EMBASSIES, SUBJECT OF COURSE  
TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT. SUBJECT ALSO  
TO YOUR CONCURRENCE, WE WOULD LIKE TO NAME AN AMBAS-  
SADOR TO BE RESIDENT IN LOURENCO MARQUES. IF YOU AGREE,  
THE PRESIDENT WOULD SEND THE NAME OF HIS CANDIDATE TO  
YOU FOR AGREEMENT. UPON YOUR AGREEMENT, THE PRESIDENT  
WOULD PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE HIS INTENTION TO NOMINATE HIM TO  
THAT POST. AS REQUIRED BY OUR CONSTITUTION, THE UNITED  
STATES SENATE WOULD THEN BE ASKED TO CONFIRM THE NOMINA-  
TION. WHILE WE ANTICIPATE NO UNUSUAL DELAYS, IT WILL  
TAKE SOME TIME TO COMPLETE THIS PROCESS.

IN ORDER THAT WE BE REPRESENTED IN MOZAMBIQUE FROM THE  
BEGINNING OF ITS NATIONHOOD, I THEREFORE PROPOSE THAT  
OUR PRESENT CONSUL GENERAL, MR. PETER C. WALKER, BE  
ACCREDITED AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, AD INTERIM, UNTIL  
ARRANGEMENTS ARE COMPLETED FOR THE ARRIVAL OF OUR  
AMBASSADOR. AS YOU MAY KNOW, MR. WALKER ARRIVED IN  
MOZAMBIQUE IN JULY 1974.

THE UNITED STATES IN TURN WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE NEWS  
OF YOUR PLANS FOR ENTERING INTO RELATIONS, AND WOULD  
WELCOME YOUR INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH AN EMBASSY IN  
WASHINGTON AND TO ACCREDIT AN AMBASSADOR.

I LOOK FORWARD TO FRIENDLY AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELA-  
TIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES. BEST  
REGARDS. SIGNED HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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